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Bible Garden

When ground was broken for Marin Lutheran Church, May 6, 1949, the idea was conceived to plant and develop a Bible Garden. Each participant in that service received a small flowerpot filled with "hallowed earth," and was requested to plant and return some flower to the church. That was the start. However, considerable study enters into such a project. Many true Bible plants are hard to find. Thus it took a period of over five years to bring the Bible Garden to the point where it could be dedicated.

Bible Gardens are rather new. There is one at the Church of the Wayfarer in Carmel, Calif., another at the Elmhurst Methodist Church in Sacramento, but the only Lutheran Church, to our knowledge, having a Bible Garden is St. James Lutheran, Missouri Synod, Coral Gables, Florida. Thus, this Bible Garden at Corte Madera is the first such project at any National Lutheran Council Church in the whole nation.

Marin Lutheran Church, Corte Madera, Calif.
Geo. O. Loftness, Pastor

Bible plants, are, of course, not new among California gardeners. There are many of the plants in our gardens and orchards, in our herb and vegetable gardens, the same as those grown by the Children of Israel four thousand years ago, making a living link between us and Bible times. They are the same plants Moses saw, that grew in Solomon's garden, of which he so beautifully wrote in the Song of Solomon, the same of which Isaiah, Amos, Ezekiel, and Hosea spoke in their prophecies, and the same that Jesus and His disciples walked among.

From the beautiful story of Creation to the end of *Revelation,* plant life is part of the history, the wisdom and the poetry of the Book.

Dedication of the Bible Garden, May 8, 1955
District President Gaylerd Falde and Pastor Loftness, officiating

Steps cut out of the hillside lead directly to a hand-hewn cross made of native redwood. Paths radiate from the cross to other parts of the Bible garden. Near the cross one sees the Crown of Thorns shrub, or *Ruscus.* Some Bible scholars believe that this shrub with its spiny leaves furnished the crown of thorns which Christ wore at the crucifixion. Another shrub, near the cross, is the tree Boxwood, *Buxus longifolia,* which has adorned church gardens for centuries.

One pathway leads to a group of Biblical trees. Here one sees the Olive tree, a tree famous in Biblical narrative and important to commerce for centuries. It was an olive branch carried by a dove which gave Noah the welcome message that the Flood had ended. Nearby a Carob tree, *Ceratonia siliqua,* flourishes just as it did in St. John's day. This tree with its bean-like

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What It Means o Me

N. J. Njus
Retired Pastor

What does the Pension Plan of the Church mean to ne? The answer could be very short and simple: It neans my daily bread.

Why do I, and other old pastors, need a pension? In rder to give an answer to that question, we must con- der the conditions under which the pioneer pastors arried on their work in the Church. The story of my inistry will in the main correspond with the life story f most of the pastors of my age group, and even with ome who are younger.

I began as a mission pastor, July 5, 1903. The Board f Inner Mission figured that my salary should be $400 er year, and as there was no parsonage I would have furnish my own house. The board informed me that ne four congregations that comprised my parish had ipulated that each family was to provide three dollars er year toward my salary. In order to make the salary 400 per year I was to have twelve dollars per month rom the mission.

The contribution from the mission proved to be irreg- lar, as there was often no money in the treasury. If ny family failed to pay the three dollars, it was my oss. Even when I had organized four additional con- regations there was no raise in salary, as the mission oard demanded a statement every year of increase in ncome. Any increase in income from the congregations neant a proportionate decrease from the mission. I erved ten years in the ministry before my salary ex- eeded $500 per year.

You may say: That was in the old days, but what bout the recent years? In 1942 my income was as fol- ows: salary, $1,300; offerings, $236.45; miscellaneous, 49.00; total, $1,585.45. The expense on the car for that ear was $365.83. The highest income I ever had was n 1950, when my total income was $3,128.63 and the xpense of the car was $515.56.

During the 50 years of service I wore out two teams, three buggies, three sleighs, and six Fords. Naturally, very little could be laid aside for old age.

The congregations of my last parish did a good thing for me, by accepting the Pension Plan of the Church from its very beginning. I am thankful they did. While it is not sufficient to live on, it is a wonderful help.

Does the Church owe the old pastors a living? Some might say that the Church does not. If that answer is correct, then we have no reason to complain. Then the pension that we receive is partly charity, as we do receive a little more than we have paid into the Pension Fund.

On the other hand, if the Church does owe us a living, then it is not charity, but the Church is merely paying a part of what it owes us. We will let the Bible settle the question. In I Cor. 9:11 we read: *"If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits?"* In regard to this passage Prof. F. W. Bugge says: "This right [of the pastor] to temporal support by the congregation is more than a bare and simple human invention; it is already indicated in God's Law which instructs that those who in worry and distress have been active in the work, shall be permitted to enjoy the fruit of the work; it rests on the simple justice that those who have been implements in making others partakers of the spiritual goodness of salvation shall also be partakers of the congregation's temporal goods."

That this does not mean just while they are active, but also when they have become inactive, becomes evident when we note what Paul says in his Epistle to Philemon in verse 19: *"Thou owest unto me even thine own self."* Again we will let Dr. Bugge speak for us: "Paul writes with his own hand an all-embracing proof of indebtedness. Philemon's debt to him is of such a nature that every compensation could be applied as partial payment, and still the debt would not be fully paid."

The value of eternal blessings cannot be calculated or fully paid by material things; there will always remain a balance.

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I hope I have made it clear that I do not consider the pension a gift of charity, but a payment on the debt the Church owes me for past services in its ministry.

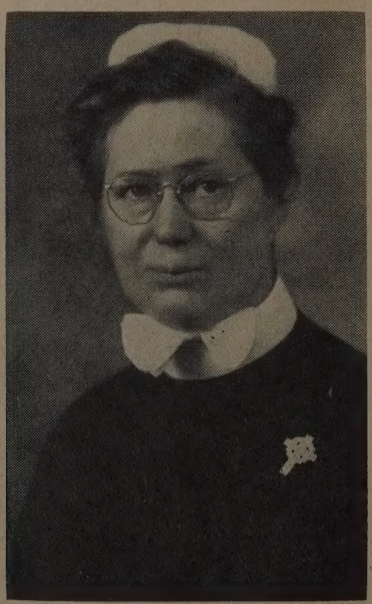
If it were not for the pension, we old pastors would be paupers and would have to beg for old age assistance from the state. The expensive dollars that we have laid aside have lost a great deal of their value. Twenty years ago $2,000 would have paid for a house that now is valued at $10,000. Every necessity of life has tripled in price.

For that reason we surely are in need of the pension. We cannot live on it, but it is a wonderful help. We eagerly await each check, and are grateful to the Church and to all who have helped to make its payment possible.

June is "Pensions Month" in the Calendar of Causes of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SISTER MARIE WEIKS

A large number of friends assembled at the Bethany Sunset Home, Camrose, Alberta, Canada, May 18, to say farewell to Sister Marie Weiks who has been the superintendent and treasurer of the Home for more than sixteen years, and to witness the installation of



Sister Marie Weiks

Mrs. E. M. Bergh as the new superintendent. Mr. A. Hoveland, chairman of the board, presided. Corsages were given to both ladies, after which the Camrose College Choir sang, and Pastors Vinge, Veldey, an Olson spoke briefly. Mrs. Bohmer, president of th Camrose Circuit WMF brought a greeting. The circu presented Sister Marie with a Life Membership pi last year because she belonged to all the Ladies' Aid not any particular one.

Dr. Mars A. Dale gave the main address and pa high tribute to the service Sister Marie has rendere the Church while never considering herself. Sister Mar made a touching response of thankfulness to God, d claring how much she loved the work and those und her care. A social hour followed, with some of th oldest women in the Home pouring coffee.

Sister Marie Weiks emigrated from Sponevik, Skjol Norway, in 1910, coming to Odin, Minn., where reside two brothers whom she had never seen, and a siste She entered the Deaconess Hospital in 1917 and grad ated in 1920 as a nurse and Sister. In 1925 she was cor secrated a deaconess and served for ten years as matro of the Aase Haugen Home for the Aged, Decorah, Iow

After spending more time in the Deaconess Hospita Chicago, she accepted the call to Bawlf, Alberta, i 1938. She transferred her "family" to the new Home i Camrose in 1949.

Sister Marie's many friends do not like to see he leave Camrose but realize that she is again answerin the call of duty as she takes up her work of directin the activities in the new Sunset Home in Saskatoo We thank God for the years of unselfish devotion sh has spent in the work of the Department of Charitie

A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH

A hope that the 1955 All-Lutheran Food Appeal ma result in a million dollars worth of food gifts for di tribution among the needy overseas was voiced at meeting in Minneapolis of ALFA state chairmen.

Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the National Lu theran Council, told regional chairmen of the Al Lutheran Food Appeal, "We shall not only work an give, but pray, that even as we received more tha $650,000 last year, a million dollars worth of food b given in 1955.

"The needs of humanity today are the result of wha we have done to destroy countries and humanit through wars," added Dr. Benson, who is president o the Augustana Lutheran Church.

The results of last year's All-Lutheran Food appea as well as the plans for the 1955 appeal were analyze at the meeting by the Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, ALFA di rector, who urged that "we go forth in thousands t receive gifts from hundreds of thousands to feed suffer ing millions."

Declaring that "the Church's announced objective become her prophecies," Mr. Nielsen urged "let us work

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n Memory of a Musical Giant

r. F. Melius Christiansen, composer, arranger, and nder of the St. Olaf Choir, died June 1, 1955, at his me in Northfield, Minnesota, after several years of ill alth.

Born April 1, 1871 in Eidsvold, Norway, Christiansen me to the United States in 1888 and became one of e nation's musical giants. His St. Olaf Lutheran Choir ought him international fame and set a new high ndard for American choral art. His choirs have sung churches, cathedrals, and concert halls throughout nerica and Europe. His work as a composer and anger has left a permanent imprint upon the Amern repertoire of choral music. There is scarcely a urch, high school or college choir in the nation that s not sung one or more of his compositions.

"Musician" at Three

ristiansen's music training began in his own home nen he was three, when he was presented with a iniature three-key clarinet. His father, Anders Chrisnsen, a musically-inclined glass-blower, did not inid that Melius should become a musician, because of e financial uncertainty of such a career. He neverthess imposed rigid discipline concerning daily practice the little clarinet. At six Melius was a member of a ctory band directed by his father, taking two steps to eryone else's one, in parades on such occasions as *ttende Mai.*

When the family moved to Larvik, Melius came in ntact with Oscar Hansen who introduced him to usic in the classical tradition and gave him his first ssons on the piano. The violin, however, was Chrisnsen's first love in his younger days. When a wealthy izen of Larvik offered to pay for his lessons, Melius gan studying under a member of the leading orches- a of the city.

At the age of twelve young Christiansen made his but as a soloist with the orchestra. This was his first perience receiving applause and critical praise, an perience which later was to become commonplace.

o a New Land

ot wanting to be a school teacher and realizing that rvik offered little support to a young professional usician, Melius decided that he must move elsewhere. elatives had sent back glowing accounts of the new nd of America, and Melius left Larvik planning to id work in California where an uncle had settled. His hopes of finding a job in music in that state ended in disappointment, and when his brother, Karl, in Washburn, Wisconsin, sent him money for a train ticket, Melius accepted the invitation and started for the Middle West. After advertising for a position in *Scandinaven,* he was offered and accepted the directorship of the Scandinavian Band in Marinette, Wisconsin.

While he was band director in Marinette, Christiansen met Edith Lindem who became Mrs. Christiansen, July 14, 1897. Meantime Christiansen had left Marinette to attend Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and later the Northwestern Conservatory of Music.

After his marriage Christiansen studied in Leipzig where he came in contact with one of the most important influences in his musical life, Gustav Schreck, Cantor at the Thomasschule and teacher of composition and counterpoint at the Conservatory. During this period of his life, Christiansen had little interest in choral music and devoted his best efforts to the study of the violin.

Returning to America in 1899, Christiansen became church organist at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, director of a Norwegian male chorus, and a member of the orchestral group which later became the Minneapolis Symphony.

To St. Olaf

A turning point in Christiansen's life came in 1903 in the form of a postcard from Johann Nathan Kildahl, president of St. Olaf College. Although Christiansen had never heard of the school, Kildahl influenced him to take the position of head of the music department for one year. This one year was enough to convince Christiansen that what he wanted in music he would find at St. Olaf. His first task was to develop the band, and the band members regarded him as a beloved taskmaster, one who expected his pupils to work hard but whose sense of humor could always relieve the tension. The rigid discipline of "that violin player" was a sharp change to some of the members of the band, but to their surprise they discovered after a few months that they were beginning to sound like a good band.

By 1906 the St. Olaf Band, its reputation well-established at home, left for a concert trip to Norway. The tour proved to be a triumphal return to his homeland for young Christiansen.

Among the duties which Christiansen assumed as head of the St. Olaf Music Department was the directorship of the choir at St. John's Lutheran Church in

Northfield. Composed in its early days of congregation members and college students, this organization gradually developed into an all-student organization, eventually becoming the St. Olaf Lutheran Choir.

Citizens outside of Northfield first heard the Choir in 1911 on a short tour. In 1912 a more extended and highly successful tour included Chicago. Following this tour, the St. Olaf Choir became a synonym for the best in choral music, at least as far as the Midwest was concerned.

In 1913 Christiansen took the Choir to Norway, where the critics praised his directorship, his technique, and the religious character of the program.

During this early period of the Choir's history, the longtime partnership of F. Melius Christiansen and Paul G. Schmidt, the Choir's manager, began to develop. After impresario Schmidt had laid the groundwork, Christiansen and his St. Olaf Choir invaded the music halls of the East in 1920. The Choir made up of students from the small towns and farms of the Midwest took the eastern critics and concert audiences by storm in New York, Boston, and Washington.

Since that year the Choir has toured all parts of the country, and the name of Christiansen and St. Olaf College have become familiar terms on the American musical scene. In 1930, to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, the choir again toured Europe, singing in churches and concert halls in Norway and Germany.

A Pioneer Recognized

The work of Christiansen and the St. Olaf Choir is considered to be the pioneer work in unaccompanied choral music in America. The Christiansen choral tradition has been spread throughout the country by St. Olaf graduates. Using the techniques they learned from "Christy," as they called him, the college's alumni have developed some of the nation's outstanding college choirs, community music programs, and church choirs.

Four colleges have conferred honorary Doctor of Music degrees on Christiansen. They are the University of Minnesota, Oberlin College, Capital University, and Muhlenberg College. In 1921 he was honored by the Norwegian government when he was named a knight in the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav. In 1946 he received the title of Commander in the Order.

The Christiansen Choral Schools, started in 1935, introduced his approach to music to choral directors from outside the Lutheran Church and the alumni of St. Olaf.

Throughout the peak years of success of the St. Olaf Choir, Christiansen remained a person of humble and simple tastes. He knew and understood the personalities of the people in his Choir, and though he was often merciless in his demands for perfection, he develop self-confidence and initiative among the students a earned their love and respect.

The St. Olaf Choir Series, which includes over Christiansen compositions and arrangements, was beg in 1919. Published by the Augsburg Publishing Hou these anthems, chorales, carols, and hymns are used choirs throughout the country. Among the Christians works most familiar to choir members everywhere "Beautiful Savior," "Praise to the Lord," "Today Th Is Ringing," "Lost in the Night," and "Wake, Awak

The Baton Passed On

The 1941 St. Olaf Choir tour was received as warmly the critics and audiences as previous trips, but Chr tiansen at age seventy felt that his energies were dimi ishing, and requested that his son Olaf be made l assistant. In 1944 Melius permanently surrendered t baton to his son, who has continued and expanded t musical traditions of the St. Olaf Choir as establish by his father.

The month of April of 1951 was designated by t governor of Minnesota as a special statewide observan of Dr. Christiansen's eightieth birthday. In recogniti of his contribution to the culture of the Midwest ar to the whole musical world, a special concert in h honor was presented by the Choir at Northrop Memori Auditorium in Minneapolis. Church choirs througho the nation during that month dedicated hymns ar anthems to Christiansen. Choirs such as the Mormo Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City sang his compos tions on their radio programs. Newspapers and ma azines carried stories of his career. On that occasion, the close of the concert, Christiansen himself steppe to the podium to conduct "Beautiful Savior" for th last time.

In the spring of 1952 Christiansen suffered a strok and was in ill health until the time of his death.

Funeral services were held in Boe Memorial Chap on the campus where he was so long a familiar an colorful figure. The choir which he founded had alread started the first portion of its third European tour. Aft singing a concert in Lanesboro, Minnesota, on the ev ning of June 2, under the baton of Kenneth Jenning assistant director, the choir returned to Manitou Heigh for the services. As a fitting tribute to its founder, th Choir sang "Asleep in Jesus," and the selection whic more than any other is associated with F. Melius Chri tiansen, "Beautiful Savior."

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Kurt Wycisk; an three sons, Olaf, director of the St. Olaf Choir; Jacob director of athletics at Concordia College; and Pau director of the Concordia College Choir.

Parade of Pariahs

Harold B. Kildahl

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
June 26, 1955
Text: Matthew 9:9-13

doesn't sound good, does it? There is something ut the word "pariah" that we just don't like. To be ocially undesirable person, or to be an outcast and pised by others, or to be a parasite as Matthew the collector was in the society of his day just doesn't somehow; but, actually, in a spiritual sense, that vhat we are. For we are those whom Jesus calls to entance. We are those for whom He came. We are se who are sick and in need of the Great Physician's ling grace.

You will have observed it as you read the text, no ubt, but let me here suggest that the thrust of His rds was like an arrow to the heart of Matthew. His rds caused Matthew to examine himself. And that is t, always. Self-examination is a significant factor in call of the Lord to sinners. In other words, Christ s in the process of maneuvering Matthew into the ır light of truth, where Matthew could see himself he really was.

There is no denying it. Only those who know their ds can ever hope to have them satisfied. Spiritually, t is likewise true. "When sinners see their lost con- ion" they are alerted to their need of forgiveness and vation. But if sin is unreal, if sin is of no real moment, sin is of no consequence, then there is no need of giveness. The self-righteous man is a proud man, he has achieved righteousness and is in no need of ine aid. Self-righteousness is a poison that slowly troys the souls of men. Beware of self-righteousness! Matthew saw himself. But that was not enough. It s essential that he see Christ as well. And he did. is has been the experience of Christians in every e. Out of the emptiness of themselves they have come the Christ of God revealed in the Word and there ve found healing for their souls. He is the hope of r salvation. "Stood we alone in our own might, our iving would be losing." But we do not stand alone. e stand with Him and for Him, trusting in Him and ying on His grace. We have seen Him, and having n Him, we have followed. It was that contact of rist with the soul of Matthew that transformed Mat- ew from a pariah to a child of God.

The same power is at hand today. The pariahs, the ritually dying, the proud men, the outcasts, and those o grieve over their past lives, all of these—a great rade of men in gross need—can be saved if they can brought to see themselves and then to behold "the mb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." rist calls today. Do you hear? Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overby

What are the duties of the Music Committee? Many congregations have such a committee, but often it is elected without any specific functions in mind. The over-all purpose of the Music Committee, it would seem, is that its members, interested and versed in the whole program of church music, shall study and evaluate all available ways and means to utilize local talent to best advantage. They should support and co-operate with those in leadership and represent the congregation in sponsoring a wholesome and effective ministry of music, as we understand it today.

There may be a danger that such a committee might at times over-step its boundaries and try to usurp rights that belong to members of the staff. The pastor, for instance, as superintendent of all activities in the congregation, has a responsible interest and concern in all the music that is performed. He should be consulted in matters of policy and procedure. He selects the hymns for the services and helps to plan the music set-up and program in general. Likewise, the organist has his special assignment. He provides appropriate organ music for services and other functions. He leads the congregation through the worship, through liturgy and hymns. The choir director selects the anthems, builds and trains his choirs for their particular services.

Where a full-time minister of music is employed the situation will be somewhat different. He, in co-operation with the pastor, becomes the director-in-chief of all the music activities. In these matters it is wise for the Music Committee to recognize the source of authority and proceed accordingly.

The alert committee will be able to represent all music interests on the Church Council. There matters of policy and procedure can be discussed and determined. More specific services which a sympathetic Music Committee can render would include these: Help keep music facilities in order—such as organs, pianos, choir robes, practice rooms. Study needs and bring recommendations. Supervise the purchase and care of hymn books. Scout for talent, and encourage prospective members to try out for the choirs. Solicit baby sitters to relieve parents who qualify for choir membership; also choir mothers and other assistants to serve in the junior department. Find chauffeurs with cars to help where transportation is a problem. Help discover and develop new incentives and outlets to the end that the congregation as a whole may reap the blessings of a progressive and inspired ministry of music.

A Pledge to Keep

Elsewhere on this week's editorial pages you will find a small boxed notice which is not editorial in character. It represents the present status of assurances given to the Lutheran Refugee Service by people who are willing to help refugees enter the United States under the Refugee Relief Act. Dr. Cordelia Cox, who is the director of this National Lutheran Council-Missouri Synod agency, has requested the editors of the various church papers to publish these "progress reports," weekly if possible. LUTHERAN HERALD will try to do so. Except during the weeks of the "plant vacation," when our publication schedule is badly disrupted, you may expect to find a box similar to the one appearing here, somewhere in the paper.

The letter to the editor which accompanied the request makes uncomfortable reading. Dr. Cox writes soberly: "Assurances for refugee families are coming in slowly—too slowly to enable us to fulfill our responsibilities before December 31, 1956, the terminal date of the Refugee Relief Act." The following figures are given: "On December 31, 1954, sixteen months after the Refugee Relief Act became law, LRS had received only 61 refugees under the Act. As of April 30, 1955, a total of 550 LRS refugees had arrived." It is further stated that from now on it will become increasingly easy to get the refugees into the country, *if there are assurances for them.*

That is the point. There is little any of us can do about the difficult provisions of the Act itself; our representatives in New York and Washington must carry that responsibility. Ours as individuals and as one of the supporting church bodies is pretty much confined to getting assurances. The present situation is this: On May 1, the Lutheran Refugee Service had forwarded 3,209 assurances to the State Department in Washington. But two thirds of these were from relatives, leaving one third which are actually church-sponsored. At the present time, 1,680 "dossiers" (documents giving the details concerning available individuals or families), are being circulated in various congregations. The hope is that this number will be increased by 2,400 additional dossiers. For each dossier an assurance is needed. That means that 4,080 "dossiered families" must receive assurances within the next year.

As far as The Evangelical Lutheran Church is concerned it appears to us that this is a matter of keeping a pledge which we have made and which has been accepted by our brothers and sisters in Europe in good faith. In some of the bodies, a large part of their "fair share" can be met by relatives of refugees. Obviously, we have few such instances. The assurances must come from our congregations. If you have not made arrangements to begin the procedure necessary to sponsor one or more families or individuals, do it now.

EDITO

He Taught

Competent musicians will evaluate Dr. F. Meli Christiansen's place among the musical geniuses of a time and will tell us how he influenced choral singin in particular and choir singing in general perhaps mo deeply than has any other musician who ever live The writer of these lines lacks the knowledge requisi for that task.

Personal friends, colleagues, and above all those wh sung under Dr. Christiansen will supply personal detai and will pay tribute to the *man* apart from the musicia They will tell and re-tell the hundreds of stories abo his brusque but human personality, his warmness, h charm. The writer did not have the privilege of personal relationship which makes such an estimat possible.

That leaves, however, one area which is the prop sphere of the official paper of the Church Dr. Christia sen served so long, an area in which the editor fee that he can speak with some show of authority. W refer to what Dr. F. Melius Christiansen did in teachin our own Church to sing: in its schools and college and in its thousands of congregations. Whatever th estimate of him may be from professional musicia and by his intimates, there is little doubt in our min but that the estimate of the rank and file members o The Evangelical Lutheran Church will be: *He taugh our Church to sing.*

Let no one misunderstand the meaning of that stat ment. The Lutheran Church has been called a "singin Church" for centuries. It has deserved that title, a far as being the possessor of a rich heritage of chora music is concerned. To a much less degree, it ha earned it by using that heritage. In two areas, however we doubt whether it has in any way deserved it. Ofte the great chorals of the Church have been abused i congregational singing more than they have been used And, certainly, in pre-Christiansen days, the regular us of a congregational choir singing our treasures was a all but unheard of thing. Let us go into that a bit mor in detail:

One of the outstanding organists of Minneapolis (no a Lutheran) has been quoted as saying that Dr. F Melius Christiansen transformed the college and uni versity singing groups of two generations ago from being "Glee Clubs" to becoming choirs. He replace "Oh, the Bullfrog in the Pool" on their concert reper toire with "Beautiful Savior." That comes pretty clos to the heart of the matter.

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rch to Sing

onsider first the St. Olaf Lutheran Choir itself in its fluence on the congregations of the Church. While is true that the growing fame and prestige of the hoir caused specially gifted young singers to seek out . Olaf, it is truer that the membership roll of the hoir during any school year is made up of young lks from our congregations. We have had ample pportunity over not a few years to observe the almost mediate results in congregations from coast to coast d from north to south. What they learned under hristiansen they brought home, and many a blossom- g little choir in some rural or small town congrega- on which had never had one before, came into being hen the first young person went to St. Olaf and came me imbued with a new ideal of church music.

Carry that on to include all the hundreds from the hoir who became high school teachers, pastors, pastors' ives, parish workers, business and professional men d women. So long as they remained linked with the hurch—and a great majority of course did—the in- ence of the "music master" was felt in more and ore communities.

We do not believe that the music directors of our her colleges will disagree with us when we state also at the Christiansen influence has been felt on every mpus we have. In a number of instances, the choir rectors at those colleges sang under him. In other stances, his music helps build their programs year ter year and helps keep the standards high.

. second influence in making our Church sing has to with *what* our church choirs are singing. The Chris- ansen influence through his published original works d arrangements of the works of others will be felt ng after the last person who ever sang under him is ead and gone.

We are thinking, of course, here of the *St. Olaf Choir eries,* published by Augsburg Publishing House. The umber of titles is itself imposing, running into hun- reds. The number of separate copies sold is astronom- al. Some are too difficult for the average choir. How- er, a very great number are within the range of any rdinary group of singers. True, there are other splendid urces of material for church choirs (one wonders how any of them have felt the Christiansen influence). lowever, it is the simple truth that the publication of e *St. Olaf Choir Series* has filled a void which for ears hampered the normal progress of choir singing our churches.

Little more need be said here. The debt which The Evangelical Lutheran Church owes Dr. F. Melius Christiansen cannot be estimated in words; much less can it be discharged with words. It is daily being discharged as his ideals of religious music are given "the immortality of the mortal world" by being passed on from generation to generation of students. At two of our colleges, sons of the "master" wield the baton now. At two others, it is in the hands of men who sung under him in the St. Olaf Lutheran Choir.

The name of F. Melius Christiansen is among those which will never be forgotten in the annals of our Church. As the years come and go, God raises up servants for Himself by the hundreds and the thousands. All serve according to opportunity and ability. All come to the end of their allotted span and are replaced. None are ever completely forgotten. But it is not one in a thousand—perhaps in ten thousand—who secures for himself a niche in history so high on the wall of time that ten years from now, fifty years, a century, his name will be as well known as it was the day he died.

Dr. F. Melius Christiansen is one of them.

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Since the above was written the Music Department at Augsburg Publishing House has made available to us the following facts and figures regarding Christiansen publications:

The total number of anthems composed, arranged, and compiled by him is 263. Most of these are sold in "sheet music" form, but selections are sold as bound volumes.

In addition to the publication of many of the *St. Olaf Choir Series* in bound-volume form, he compiled also the following volumes: *Fifty Famous Hymns for Women's Voices; Selected Songs for Men* (in collaboration with his son-in-law, Mr. Kurt Wycisk); the *St. Olaf Organ Series;* and *Organ Music for Church and Home.*

Certain titles took "first place" in the hearts of people almost as soon as they were published, and continue to be universal favorites. The Music Department lists the following as the most popular:

"Beautiful Savior" "Lullaby on Christmas Eve"
"Lost in the Night" "Today There Is Ringing."

Progress Report
LUTHERAN REFUGEE SERVICE
May 31-June 3, 1955

Assurances	
To January 1	2,220
May 31-June 3	58
Total Assurances	3,541
Arrival of Refugees	
To January 1	61
May 31-June 3	8
Total Refugees Arrived	632

Youth of the Orient for Christ

Graduation Day at the Seminary

The Christian work in the Orient is making an impact among the youth. In Hong Kong we have had a great deal of work among students in secular schools as well as conducting our own theological seminary and Bible school. In Taiwan also we have a Bible school. Much of our work is among the youth. Several important Bible classes are being conducted in every center for university students and graduates.

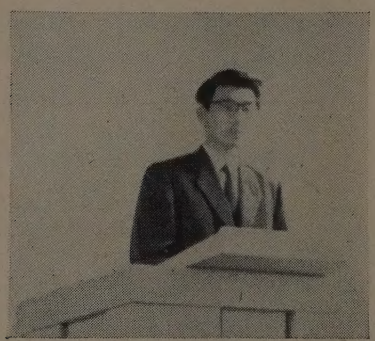
From Taiwan we have received the news from Miss Clara Jones that a youth rally has recently been held in Taipei with a total of 225 young people coming from the Luther Leagues of the northern section of Formosa. She also reports that Peter Chou, our Chinese student assistant, will be ordained June 12.

The majority of the members of our churches in Japan are young people. There we have a broad program for reaching student groups—in their Youth Center in Tokyo, at our Bible school and Lutheran Theological Seminary, as well as in Bible classes at every mission center. The big project that is now being carried on is the building of a Bible camp under the supervision of Pastor Stenberg, who has been serving as youth director. It is hoped that this camp may be used several mon of the year for student and worker retreats.

Among the fruits of our short work in Japan is graduation of two of our young people from the L theran Theological Seminary in Tokyo this spring. rejoice in this additional number to add to our person

Some of the work that has been of much blessing that conducted at the Tokai Lutheran Bible Institute Shizuoka. Miss Anna Marie Mitchell, who is teach at this institution, tells of her experiences as follows:

"The four months that have passed of this year, 19 have been blessed months. Our first year at the Bi school ended on April 2 with the graduation of n students. That was a day of joy mingled with te There was joy because here were nine young men a women who had completed a year of Bible study a were now better prepared to go out as witnesses a workers in the Kingdom. But there were also tears we parted from one another. During the year we l come to love one another and to treasure our fellowsh in Christ. They knew and we knew that the path t



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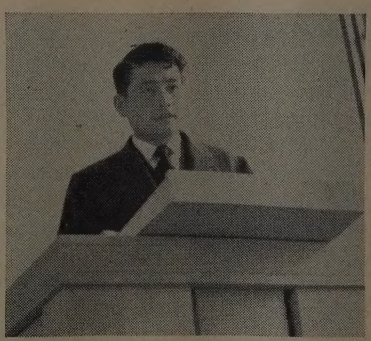

Satoru Kishii

ay before them would not always be easy. There would e difficult times and difficult places for them as witesses for Christ.

"Another joyous occasion was the opening of the new ear of school. It was an inspiration to look over a group f 24 students—twice the number we had last year. They re a fine group—so willing and eager in both their study nd their work here at school.

"I have also begun teaching two English classes at he university here in Shizuoka. It is my first experince of university teaching, and I believe it will prove nteresting. I enjoy teaching the young people and the ontact with them means even more. Just today I had reat cause to rejoice over one of these students. He ame to my house to see if I could come to a dinner lowntown, to which I had been invited by the English lass. In a few minutes he told me, 'Now, I believe in Jesus.' He has been attending the instruction class and church in Yaizu for a year. I cannot but think of the witness that he will be among his classmates at the university."

Youth Rally - Formosa

MISSIONARIES ORDAINED

Six missionaries were ordained at a service held at Cenral Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, on May 22, 1955, ogether with chaplains and some who have accepted alls in the United States. These missionaries, all of them graduates of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, will be going to five different countries. Three of them will be serving on ELC mission fields, two of them as ELC missionaries serving in Tanganyika under the National Lutheran Council. One will be serving under the Santal Mission.

Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, was the ordinator.

First row, left to right: Candidates Ordained: Carroll F. Ellertson, South Africa; Leonard D. Jacobson, Madagascar; John N. Ottesen, Santal; James G. Kallas, Sudan; J. David Simonson, Tanganyika; Walter H. Evenson, Tanganyika.
Second row: Ordinator and Assistants: M. C. Dixon, ex. secy. of Santal Mission; T. H. Rossing, chairman ELC Board of Foreign Missions; A. W. Haugan, field representative, ELC Board of Foreign Missions; F. A. Schiotz, president of ELC; R. A. Syrdal, ex. secy., Board of Foreign Missions of ELC; O. Gornitzka, chairman, Board of Santal Mission; M. S. Knutson, vice-chairman, ELC Board of Foreign Missions.

Children's TV

TO BE OR NOT TO BE—IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE

Mrs. A. M. Knudson

Television has been called the modern Pied Piper, but there is this difference between the modern version and the Pied Piper of old. Whereas the legendary Pied Piper lured children out into the street, the modern version, TV, comes right into our living rooms with its magic. Take any afternoon from five to about seven or eight. Your children, along with the neighbors' children, sit fascinated before the magic box. Guns blaze away and another redskin bites the dust. It's Range Rider time!

That TV holds a greater fascination for children of all ages than any other gadget in the home is no secret to any parent. In many areas of our country, where television is to be found in most homes, from a minimum of seventeen hours to a maximum of thirty hours per week are spent in front of the TV by large numbers of elementary school students. Several years ago it was predicted that the novelty of television would wear off, but just the opposite has proved to be true. Children's viewing on an average is up two to three hours per week over what it was in 1950.

Commercial sponsors, well aware of the tremendous effectiveness of television, compete keenly for television time in spite of the high cost of TV advertising. Much of the advertising message is aimed at the children in the home.

"When is the Church going to have a TV program for children to view?" "Isn't there something we can do to get TV programs with a spiritual emphasis on the air soon?" We hear these questions almost daily, asked by parents who deplore the constant stream of programs with violence and crime as the main theme, beamed daily at their impressionable children.

What Is Being Done?

Just what is being done by the Church along this line and what can the local congregations and the individual members do to assist in getting our Church's television programs on the air?

The Church has placed the development of its television programs in the hands of a Television Committee. This committee, in addition to working toward intersynodical co-operation on a major series, has plans for possibly securing commercial sponsorsh for the series, "It Happened to Me Also, the committee stands ready co-operate in the production of a ch dren's program and to co-operate ar assist in the development of local pr grams on television.

The Women's Missionary Federatio of the California District has bee building up a fund for the purpose producing a pilot film for a children program. This fund, together wit funds earmarked by the WMF hea quarters, will be used very shortly the production of the pilot film of series of programs which will tell Bib stories by means of puppets. Pupp programs remain among the favorit of children, especially younger chi dren, and plans are in progress at th present time for a very appealing s ries. There will be more informatio on this in the next few months. Th series, as it is planned, is to be don with the best professional talent ava able. Everything possible will be don to make it of such a high calibre th securing a suitable sponsor will not b a problem.

A recent issue of Lutheran Herald reported on the progress one local con gregation has made in bringing Chri tian television to their children. Th Lutheran Church of the Good Shep herd in Rockford, Illinois, reported i the issue of January 18, 1955, on the venture into children's television in th article entitled, "Come and See."

Choteau's "Come and See"

The field of children's TV has bee entered also by a local congregation i Choteau, Montana. They, too, have "Come and See" program. It is weekly, fifteen-minute program Sa urday at 5:15 P.M., featuring Eilee Erickson with chalk-talks for children It appears on the Great Falls statio About six children from the Chotea

THESE PAGES WERE PREPARED BY MRS. J. B. HUFFMAN, CHOTEAU, MONTANA, GENERAL RADIO AND TELEVISION SECRETARY FOR THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION.

nday school primary department ap-
r on the program each time.
The station over which this pro-
m appears is the only one in the
a, and there are 26,000 television
s. This gives a conservative estimate
64,000 viewers each time. The
rchants and citizens of Choteau are
nsoring the program so far. When
s source of funds is exhausted, Lu-
rans in other cities in the area will
solicited through the churches. The
e costs $58.50 for each program,
ich is very reasonable in light of
large audience.
The chalk-talks are not the average
iety gleaned from books, which are
metimes quite cut and dried. They
composed by Mrs. Erickson, who
a teacher and the Sunday school
perintendent and the mother of two
ys. She has been giving these chalk-
ks for a number of years as part of
worship service in the Sunday
nool.

It is most encouraging to see these ventures in various areas. Television is a most effective, proved means of reaching children with the message of our Savior. It must be the concern and prayer of every member of our Church that children's television programs, all over our nation, become a reality soon.

A Greater Urgency

Several weeks ago, the Christopher Hour, a television program produced by the Roman Catholic Church, took the TV audience behind the scenes during the production of 36 new films in the series. This program is devoted to making a positive contribution to social, educational, religious, and racial problems, etc. The Rev. Keller, producer of the program, read a portion of a letter from a prominent and important American, although he did not give the man's name. What he read is as follows: "I would rather you produced these 36 films as best you can *now* rather than to make them five times as good two years from now."

If that urgency is so important a factor for a television series which merely attempts to answer social problems, how much more of a factor should it not be in the realm of our Church's television ministry—indeed in the realm of our Church's television ministry for children.

Your church's television ministry is your ministry. It can go ahead only as you support it with your contributions and your prayers. Pray much for the entire television ministry of our Church. We must not allow this opportunity to enter the homes of America with our Savior's love go by unheeded. Our nation is full of people whom the Church so far has not reached but who might be reached with the message of the Bible if it could come to them in the livingroom of their homes.

PREACHING-TEACHING-REACHING RESULTS

s a typical rather than unique result of a Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mission, there is pictured above an adult membership class hich was enrolled as a direct result of the Milwaukee P-T-R mission in January. The congregation is Mount Hope Lutheran, West Allis, is. Pastor is the Rev. Einar R. Larson, pictured with the class. On May 15, 34 were received into the congregation by Confirmation, four Baptism. Their religious background is as follows: 12 Lutheran (6 baptized but never confirmed); 11 Roman Catholic; 2 Roman atholic-Presbyterian; 5 Presbyterian; 5 Evangelical and Reformed; 1 each, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Seventh Day Baptist, hristian Science; 4, no church background.

Fortnightly Review

Fredrik A. Sch
President,

Dr. Burntvedt

June 9 the Lutheran Free Church paused in its convention deliberations at Trinity Church in Minneapolis to take cognizance of Dr. T. O. Burntvedt's twenty-fifth anniversary as the elected leader of their Church. The Evangelical Lutheran Church rejoices with its sister Church in the blessings that God has bestowed upon it through the long and faithful service of its beloved president.

This *Fortnightly Review* should have been written by Dr. Aasgaard. I have heard him make so many fine statements about Dr. Burntvedt "behind his back" that I invited him to put some of these in writing. This he almost consented to do, but then asked to be excused. In asking this he assured me it would have been a personal pleasure to have granted my request, but he felt it should be done by the Church's president.

I first met Dr. Burntvedt while I was a student and he was pastor of Trinity Church in Minneapolis, the college church for Augsburg College and Seminary. Our acquaintance and his friendship with the late Dr. S. O. Sigmond, for many years pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, led to a call during my senior seminary year to serve Trinity in Brooklyn. While the door did not seem open to accept the Trinity call in 1930, fifteen years later the call came again and I accepted. It was in Brooklyn that I learned to know Dr. Burntvedt in terms of his grass-roots origins.

Several of the older members in Brooklyn's Trinity remembered Dr. Burntvedt as an immigrant boy and as a young pastor. In what they said about his faith, devotion, and ability one recognized the good reasons which led the Lutheran Free Church to make him its president.

During my service in the American Lutheran C ference and again in the National Lutheran Cou there have been frequent contacts with Dr. Burntv He was for thirteen years one of my "bosses." In these relationships he won the affection of staff m bers and of all his associates in committee work. T affection was prompted by forthrightness seasoned w grace, and by a large fund of Lincolnian common se

The last nine months my membership on the Un Committee has provided a new and different work relationship with Dr. Burntvedt. In his eminently chairmanship of the Joint Polity and Organizat Committee one could observe warm piety bearing fr in practical dealings with his neighbors. And frequer there is an overflow of choice humor that leads me dub him the Will Rogers of the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Burntvedt's own people and his friends in sis Churches know that he believes the proposed four-w merger will provide his Church with an opportunity invest its convictions in a large acre in the King's vi yard. When this issue of LUTHERAN HERALD comes the press, we will know whether the Lutheran F Church convention supported its president in merger judgments. If it should be that the Church n say *No,* Dr. Burntvedt has already revealed the spirit stature God has given him by what he wrote in T *Lutheran Messenger* of May 24:

"May I in conclusion lay bare a deep concern I sh with other friends and leaders of our Church, and i this: That we determine to hold together irrespective what the result of the vote in the Annual Confere or by congregations in referendum might be. The s dest thing, as I see it, which could happen to us wo be if, in our explorations to unite with others, we o selves become divided and split apart. This must n happen!"

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Dr. and Mrs. Burntvedt leave the latter part of Ju for a visit in Norway. The Evangelical Lutheran Chu wishes them Godspeed and a safe return.

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With the consent of Dr. Schiotz, we append to t "Fortnightly Review" the following Resolution, una mously adopted by the Joint Committee on Polity a Organization:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Adopted by
The Joint Committee on Polity and Organization
Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 6, 1955

The first time the Joint Committee on Polity and Organization met, we elected Dr. T. O. Burntvedt our chairman. At the beginning of the present biennium, we enthusiastically re-elected him, rejoicing in his kindly, genial, firm, and capable leadership. Our gratitude to him is deep; our respect for him is high.

Mindful that 1955 marks the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Dr. Burntvedt's presidency of the Lutheran Free Church, his colleagues on this Committee join with thousands of other friends in thanking God for his service in the Kingdom. We pray that the days of his ministry may be multiplied.

Our thoughts and prayers go with Dr. and Mrs. Burntvedt on their forthcoming journey to the land of their fathers. God's Peace attend them; His Everlasting Arms be under them. We pray for their safe return.

O. G. Malmin, Secretary

ELC FILMS

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED . . . TO OUR ELC FILM LIBRARY

Summer vacations are upon us and the busy routine of the church year has culminated in a more peaceful and meditative pace of existing. We need this change of pace, but we all know that it is important not to allow this condition to lull us into a temporary spiritual paralysis. This is the time for looking back objectively over the church year and seeking out its weakness and its strength. It is a time for taking inventory.

We have a new filmstrip in our library which we believe will help you to do this more effectively. It is rather humorously entitled, *The Glad Church and the Sad Church*. Of course the sad church is in very sad shape, and the glad church is just about perfect. Most of us will find our churches somewhere in the middle. But it will help to pinpoint the weaknesses and furthermore will spur us on to doing something about them. This filmstrip is done in drawings (cartoon fashion) and rents with the record for $2.50.

We also have a new mission filmstrip which is especially good for young people. It is entitled, *I Found a New World*. It has just about everything—a touching story—even a little romance—and will help to stimulate young people to assume their obligations in the work being done in this field. This filmstrip challenges our thinking by pointing up the fact that God has use for a great variety of talents in promoting His Kingdom. This colored filmstrip and record rents for $2.50 from ELC Films library.

Something new has been added to our library in 16MM sound movies also. First there is the film entitled, *The High Room*. This is a teen-age story based on the life of one particular high school boy named Cotton Patch. He's pretty much of a "problem" and you'd almost be inclined to think a "hopeless" case until through the understanding compassion of a few who didn't give up so easily he is brought into the fellowship of the abundant life. You'll come away from this experience wanting to seek out others like Cotton Patch and win them for Christ. This is a full animation colored film renting for $8.00.

For all organizations we have the new Foreign Mission film *Jafeta of Madagascar*. This film tells in brilliant colors the story of the yearning in the heart of Jafeta, a Malagasy boy, for a better life for himself and his people and his struggle in seeking it out. At last, through the Christian mission school and in the Gospel of Christ, he finds the light he and his people so badly need. He now lives to bring that light to his fellowmen. This is a familiar but always heart-warming story. This film rents for $8.00 from our library.

Please feel free to write or phone us for suggestions to meet your audio-visual needs.

Dorothy Brosseit
Film Librarian

The address of ELC Films is 57 South 4th St., Minneapolis 1, Minn.

A Million Dollars Worth

(Continued from page 596)

through Jesus Christ so that these prophecies shall not become wordless wind."

The 17 ALFA regional chairmen, appointed to head the appeal in 1955, represent sixteen states. The drive in Texas will be headed by two area committees, one in Southern Texas, and the other in the Panhandle.

Twelve of the chairmen are from church bodies cooperating in the National Lutheran Council; five are from the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which cooperates with the NLC in the All-Lutheran Food Appeal.

Bernard A. Confer, executive secretary of Lutheran World Relief, the NLC material aid agency, described the needs and the distribution of ALFA gifts in Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, Jordan, Yugoslavia, Austria, and Germany.

The Rev. Edwin A. Nerger, chairman of the Missouri Synod's Board of World Relief, told the meeting that the emergency which exists in today's world should not be considered the chief reason for giving. The chief reason, he said, "is that the giver needs to give—giving is an exercise of faith that must be continued."

The Rev. Werner Kuntz, executive director of the Missouri Synod board, added that the Church must "reach out beyond prejudices and barriers to everyone, as Christ did, in their time of greatest need."

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hester

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

The Gospel: Matthew 7:

Monday, June 27
IS IT EASY?
Read Acts 7:54-60

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him.

Being a true follower of Christ was not a simple matter for Stephen. Because he stayed faithful to God's truth and God's cause, it cost him his life. They stoned him. It was rough on a person to say he was a Christian among the people of that day. In Stephen's case "they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him."

It seems far easier today. People don't stone you. But isn't it true that there might be something wrong with my brand of Christianity if I don't get bothered for it? Should it be easy to be a Christian?

It is a well known truth that much so-called Christianity is "watered down," and the world is not afraid of it. It isn't necessary to stone a worldly Christian.

If I strive to be faithful to Christ I will find myself at odds with many things this world says and does. God help me to be faithful and give me courage to live my life to the glory of Christ's name.

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Tuesday, June 28
BE KIND
Read Matthew 7:1-6

"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

This is a good question! It was asked by Jesus, who knew human nature through and through. We have an uncanny way of seeing how bad the other person is and how very good we are. When the other fellow trips, he really falls! We don't trip. Of course, if we happen to trip, it wasn't our fault. That's the human story of the speck and the log.

What does Jesus want us to do? He wants us to be kind. That doesn't mean that we are to close our eyes so we will not see evil. But it does mean that we had better agree that we are sinful too, and, if we are helped to avoid gross sin, be willing to say, "By the grace of God I am not a drunkard, I am not a liar, I am not a criminal." Then, let me approach my brother in kindness to help him overcome his sin, mend the error, right the wrong.

Jesus was kind and forgiving while He helped those who had fallen in sin.

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Wednesday, June 29
MEANING OF GOD
Read Isaiah 12:1-16

"Behold, God is my salvation; I trust, and will not be afraid."

God means different things to differ people. Those who do not know Him afraid of Him. They do not know H because they are not acquainted with Bible or with the Christian Chu through which He is revealed.

Those who do know Him know He is the Creator of all things, that is Almighty. They also know that is Holy, and that no human being c stand up straight in His presence. those who know God through His W know that He loves people and has gi His only begotten Son to save the That is why Christians can say, "God my salvation."

God means, then, One to whom we asked to look for our salvation, and whom we have been instructed to c "Father." That brings God close! He not far off in space tending to the plan and keeping watch over the moon a stars; He is here, abiding with His peo

Does God mean that to you?

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Thursday, June 30
PROMPTING
Read Acts 8:26-38

But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

If Philip had not followed this prompting the whole story would have been different. The Ethiopian would have gone on reading Isaiah without understanding it. He would not have been told the "good news of Jesus." But the point is, Philip did obey the prompting, and the Ethiopian was given the needed help.

There are many who can tell of promptings they have received. A pastor was driving along the way and "took a notion" to drop in at a home where he had not been for a while. There he found that the family had just received a long-distance telephone call bringing sad news. Then he realized that the "notion" he took was the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Because he followed it he was able to bring comfort to the family soon after the sorrowful news came.

Follow God's prompting! He may have a special job in mind for you to do. Obey it and let His blessings through.

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Friday, July 1
BE FORGIVING
Read Luke 17:1-10

"If he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

Jesus was not suggesting that we overlook sins committed against us. He said these we should rebuke. But, if the one who has done wrong repents we must forgive him. Just like God does when there is repentance. The number seven is used here for emphasis.

How different life is for some who know the art of forgiving! In place of holding a wrong over someone's head, they have forgiven them. The "break" is patched up, and all is well again.

If you are forgiving it means that you know your own need of forgiveness, and that you are going about in this life deeply grateful to God for His mercy. And you show some of that same mercy toward others.

No one can be happy if he refuses to settle matters with another who has done a wrong against him. Especially is this true if the other has repented yet been refused forgiveness. I will be forgiving!

Saturday, July 2
PRAY FOR OTHERS
Read Genesis 18:20-33

"Suppose there are fifty righteous wi in the city; wilt thou then destroy t place and not spare it for the fifty righ eous who are in it?"

We are not told whether Lot and family were praying for a change Sodom, or for their own safety. But do know that Abraham was prayin Abraham was not in danger, but Sodo was, and Lot and his family were. Ther fore Abraham prayed. God did not he his first prayer, but the last. Abraha did not give up easily, even though wasn't his own life he was concern about.

Here we have a striking illustration prayer in behalf of others. All Christia should have prayer lists. Little childr who pray, "God bless mama and pap and sister and brother," should grow to pray for friends, for enemies, for a people, especially those they know pe sonally to be in need or trouble.

O Lord, teach me to pray! Help me see the cares of others and lift them wi prayer for others. Amen.

lere and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

UTHERN BAPTISTS SPEAK N LATIN AMERICA

ere was a move at the Southern ptist Convention in Miami to pass esolution commending the Argen- Congress for disestablishing the man Catholic Church in that coun- but it underwent some softening ore final passage. The resolution ich was adopted said: "Because of historic convictions concerning edom of religion and separation of urch and State, we note with grati- e developments in various countries pecially in Latin America) indicat- wider recognition of these vital nciples, and urge all governments give encouragement to measures king possible freedom of religion all."

Believing in the complete separa- n of Church and State," the resolu- continued, "we do not desire to ntify ourselves with any political up but only with the principle of religious liberty. We abhor the in- ion of the conscience of men wheth- by constituted authority of the state as is too often true today, by re- ligious bigots in violation of the constitution of a nation. We join with all who support the principles of religious freedom everywhere in the world, especially in Spain, Israel, Italy, and throughout Latin America. We pray that freedom of conscience may soon be enjoyed in lands now dominated by Communism."

UNITED CHURCH CENTER PLANNED

RNS Photo

is the artist's sketch of a proposed k-long united church center to be con- cted on Morningside Heights in New as the national headquarters for Prot- nt and Eastern Orthodox church groups. structure will house offices of the Na- al Council of Churches and a number of 0 member communions, their boards and ncies. The center will be a 17-story lime- e-faced building on Riverside Drive be- n 119th and 120th Streets overlooking Hudson River. It is estimated that the ect will cost $14,000,000. The building accommodate at least 3,000 staff workers.

ARCHBISHOP DEFIES BRITISH

Greek Orthodox Archbishop Macarios of Cyprus said that his Church will refuse to pay income taxes to the British colonial government. He accused the British authorities of exploiting the island's resources through excessive taxation "and other means." Cyprus has been a British Crown Colony since 1868. The archbishop is a leader of the movement for its reunion with Greece.

"We have undergone as much pressure as we can stand and will tolerate no more," he told newsmen. "We officially declare that the Church of Cyprus will, under no condition, pay any kind of income taxes."

Archbishop Macarios said his Church has had to spend "thousands of pounds annually" on education, social welfare, and rural aid because of the "great gap" left by the colonial government in these fields. He charged that the policy in regard to income taxes would so weaken the Church that it could not meet the social welfare obligations which it has. "So far as we know," he said, "in England and other civilized nations State Churches are exempt from income taxes. Why is the Church of Cyprus subjected to this unusual treatment?"

MEMORIAL TO MARTYRS

Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, laid the cornerstone for a new Anglican church at Fort Hall, Kenya Colony in Africa, which is planned as a memorial to the hundreds of native Christians murdered at the height of the Mau Mau terror of 1952-54. Fort Hall is deep in the Kikuyu Reserve and was a focal point of the Mau Mau activity. Dr. Fisher said that although he had come chiefly to encourage the Christian Kikuyus in the practice of their faith, it was in fact he himself who had been encouraged by learning how, in moments of extreme peril, they had practiced "faith unto death."

"I have been to many parts of the world and everywhere found in progress the same struggle between Jesus Christ and the sinful hearts of men," the archbishop said. "But in all my travels nothing has so moved me as this gathering here at the very heart of the struggle. Those of this evil (Mau Mau) belief are not only destroying good things and the greatness of your people; they are destroying your true advance to freedom. The news of these martyrdoms and of how you stood firm in your faith has gone all around the world. In Kenya, as in other countries I have visited, there are many difficult problems to be worked out. They cannot be solved by

REFUGEE ARAB FAMILY ARRIVES

RNS Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Marto and their four daughters, first Arab refugee family to enter the United States under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act, are shown visiting the headquarters of Church World Service soon after their arrival from Beirut, Lebanon. With them is the Rev. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of CWS (right). The daughters are: Vivian, 7; Odette, 10; Elizabeth, 12; and Lily, 6. Mr. Marto, who came to the U.S. under the auspices of CWS, later left with his family for Portland, Oregon, where he was assured a job as an auto mechanic.

DOLLS FOR MISSION WORK

RNS Photo

Small dolls made by women of the Reformed Church in Yugoslavia are helping the denomination's medical mission station in India. The dolls are made of wood or cloth and are dressed in colorful costumes of the Yugoslav women. From Yugoslavia, the toys are shipped to the United States where they are sold by women of the Presbyterian Church in the USA. Proceeds of the sales are returned to the Church in Yugoslavia which sends the money to its Indian mission. Through this unusual arrangement, people in Churches in three far-scattered countries are brought together. In this photo, the Rev. Charles Arbutknot, representative of the Presbyterian Church in the USA at the Geneva office of the World Council of Church's Department of Inter-Church Aid, examines a box of dolls. With him is his secretary, Miss Flentji.

evil and violence but only by people coming together in the spirit of Christ."

EKID REORGANIZES FOREIGN OFFICE

Announcement has been made that the foreign office of The Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) will be completely reorganized. Under the direction of Dr. Martin Niemoeller, the foreign office has been under a good deal of criticism for some years. The United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (VELKD) has been especially insistent that the foreign office be reorganized in such a way that it would have "a policy which takes fully into account, and gives regard to, the theological aspects of the Lutheran Churches."

Dr. Niemoeller, famed prisoner of the Nazis during the war, has been criticized not least for his seeming policy of appeasement toward Russia. Dr. Niemoeller was not present at the meeting at which the plans were prepared and announced.

SENATE BILL WOULD RAISE CHAPLAIN'S SALARY

Legislation to increase the salary of the Senate Chaplain and thus enable him to make the post a full-time one was introduced in Congress.

Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, who retired June 5 as pastor of Foundry Methodist Church here, will devote all of his time to the Senate chaplaincy. A similar step was taken three years ago by Chaplain Bernard Braskamp of the House when he retired from the active Presbyterian ministry.

The House increased Chaplain Braskamp's salary to such a figure whe he expanded his duties to include pa toral calls on the sick, personal cou seling and other services much mo extensive than the mere opening each session with prayer.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

A new law enacted by Jordan requir a special government permit for t sale of land to Christian religious bo ies. Jordan controls Jerusalem's O City in which many Christian shrin are located. There is a recurring d mand for land as the site of hospital monasteries, hospices, and other Chri tian institutions near these shrines. There is now a Lutheran church every one of the South American publics. The last republic to get a L theran church was Ecuador, where th church was formally established la in March, after the arrival of the Re Odd Knaevelsrud, a Norwegian mi ister called to serve there. . . . A res lution denouncing a California la which requires church groups to sig loyalty oaths to obtain tax exemptio was adopted by the American Bapti Convention at its annual meeting. contended that the use of tax exem tion as a "club to guarantee conformit violates the principle of dissent a threatens the practice of religious fre dom."

RURAL MISSIONARIES HONORED

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Two of 25 rural missionaries honored by the Agricultural Missions at its 25th annu meeting receive their citations from Dr. James K. Matthews, president of the agenc (center). They are: Miss Charlotte C. Wykoff, a missionary of the Reformed Church i America who has worked 40 years among rural people in South India; and Dr. Milo C McFeeters of the United Presbyterian Church who has served for 33 years in rural mission of Egypt. Agricultural Missions, a non-denominational group, has trained an estimate 2,000 missionaries for rural work since it was founded in 1930.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

PACIFIC LUTHERAN BUILDS

Photo by Mc Kewen, Parkland

J. C. K. Preus, executive director of the ELC Department of Christian Education, breaks ound for the College Union at Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Washington. The event k place in May and construction began shortly afterward. Looking on are: Left to right, Phil E. Hauge, dean of the college; the Rev. O. K. Davidson, Tacoma, secretary of the ard of Trustees; and Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president of the college.

ds were let May 25 for the construc- n of the new College Union at Pa- c Lutheran College and a decision de to erect a new dormitory in the , at a meeting of the executive com- ttee of the PLC Board of Trustees. Tacoma firms were awarded the con- cts for the College Union which l cost $300,000. Northern Construc- n Company will be the general con- uction contractor, and Bergh-Griggs mpany will be the mechanical con- ctor.

ohnson-Austin Associates, Tacoma hitectural firm, designed the mod- building and will supervise con- uction.

"Funds are on hand to pay for the v building completely," President S. Eastvold stated. Construction was started May 31 and the Union will be ready for use in the fall.

The one-story building will have a covered area of 23,000 square feet and a terraced court and patio area in the middle of 3,000 square feet.

The new dormitory will cost around $500,000 and will house 130 students. It will be located adjacent to North and South Hall dormitories, completed last fall, and will form a quadrangle with these existing buildings.

Ratification of this decision must be made by the PLC Association which will meet on the campus June 7 in connection with the Pacific District convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Delegates and pastors attending this convention comprise the association.

The $100,000 bequest received recently by the college from the estate of the late John S. Baker, Tacoma financier and philanthropist, will be applied toward the cost of the dormitory.

The housing needs of the college during the coming year will determine whether the new dormitory will be used for men or women. It is expected that the building will be ready for use by September 1, 1956.

AUGUSTANA RECEIVES GIFT FROM FIRST LUTHERAN

Members of First Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls have voted a pledge of $30,000 to the Augustana College Centennial Fund, it was announced by the Rev. Robert Borgwardt, pastor. Members of the church passed the following resolution proposed by the Church Council:

"That First Lutheran pledge from its Benevolence Budget a sum not to exceed $30,000 to be contributed over a period of five years for the purpose of completing the Science Hall and the Little Theatre Building in accordance with the Building Expansion Program of Augustana College."

This gift provides the entire sum of the $750,000 Centennial Fund goal earmarked for improving the exterior of the Science Hall. Plans call for brick veneering the building and improving its entrances to make it more harmonious with other college buildings.

During the Augustana Library Achievement Drive in 1953, First Lutheran pledged $60,000 to the Mikkelsen Library. The members of the church underwrote the cost of the main reading and reference room as a memorial to Dr. H. J. Glenn, pastor emeritus of the church.

These funds are being raised as a part of the regular church budget over a five-year period. In the first two years of the pledge period approximately $40,000 of this sum has been paid.

Dr. L. M. Stavig, college president, said: "I am deeply grateful to the people of First Lutheran Church for their pledge to our Centennial Fund. This action reveals the deep concern for the future of Augustana College that appears to characterize the people of our constituency. With such united support we look forward with confidence to the years immediately ahead."

Democracy in the Merger

Johannes Hoif

There are comparatively few of our lay members and ministers in the four conferring Churches who have had anything whatsoever to do with the construction of the proposed union articles. However, it must be said in all fairness that the committee has worked faithfully and intelligently, which its *Report of the Joint Union Committee* proves conclusively. This report, comprising about 120 pages of very clear and readable matter sent us for perusal some time ago, is greatly appreciated and should be thoroughly studied and digested by us all before final action on the "union" is taken. It offers much food for thought, and is a challenge to cool scrutiny and earnest prayer. Not only by the Union Committee members, but also by all the rest of us.

It seems quite pertinent that more free discussion on both "Polity and Organization" for good and obvious reasons should be given. This discussion should receive free course in the various organs of the four deliberating bodies and at our circuit meetings and otherwise, but always in a spirit of Christian love and brotherly consideration. There are many who have given much thought and prayer and meditation to this matter, and we may truly be benefited by some of these ideas and ideals living in the souls and minds of thinking and praying men and women, laymen and clergy of our church bodies.

The writer has also thought that it might have been wise for the Union Committee or the theological faculties to have started a special union periodical for this one purpose alone, calling it The Merger Journal, Church Union News, or The Voice of the Merger, or any other name that could entice and invite and assure those who really have something to say in the merger-deal that their opinion is given this channel of expression. And, if this cannot be materialized, to devote at least two pages in every issue of our synodical organs for "Ways and Means in Coming Merger." With usual cautious and fair editorial engineering and guidance, such pages would no doubt be read with general enthusiasm and appreciation, even if it should happen that beaten-out paths are crossed and new ideas voiced.

This would be a democratic and Christian way of handling this intricate and delicate question. As a merged Church and as Christian individuals we would gain in m ways. There should yet be given further and more a thought and consideration to the suggested formulas General Principles of Church Polity, The Organizati Chart, The Congregation, The Church Body, The eral Convention, The Districts, The Joint Council, Corporation, The Church Council, The Board of Trust Officers of the Church Body. (Should they serve six four years? Would not four years be safer and more de cratic? Should we permit one single layman or mini to serve on more than one committee or board at the tim Evangelism, Research and Social Action (are the com tee's suggestions here too general and flexible, or risk etc., etc.

Would not a further examination on the *Report's* b ing on Representation (page 20) bring about a satisfac solution to the important question, "How Many Delega and Pastors Shall Be Voting Members at our General nual or Biennial Meetings?" Is it really the way we w to operate the Kingdom of God within the new me to vote affirmatively on, for instance, the following: Representation (a) Voting members. The voting memb ship of the general convention shall be maintained approximately 1,000, one half lay and one half clergy It makes no difference, probably, how efficiently and fa the Church Council and others try to iron out and e up the delegation by eliminations and rotations. Is th not a danger here of too much centralization and too li Christian democracy? Can we afford to make such a dra cut? Will there not be instances when local churches ministers never will be given the privilege of voting? Ma such things we could very well discuss *before* the Mer rather than feel badly over motions passed *after* the ceme tation of our "Foursome Merger."

Would it not be wise also, in a brotherly way of c sideration to leave Augustana alone to work out its o way of union when we so clearly understand that her he is not with us in this particular merger? Would it right to permit her to check or hinder our "Happy Fo some Way" when we so far have agreed to walk the w together and merge in Christian love and harmony?

Bible Garden

(Continued from page 594)

pods is believed to have been the husks to which Christ referred in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Another path winds by an Oleander which blooms almost as well in California as it does in Palestine. Near the Oleander stands a graceful pink flowering shrub, the Tamarisk, which produces a palatable substance, similar to the manna which the wandering Israelites ate.

Still another path leads to fruit trees whose fruits are mentioned in the Bible; the Fig, the Almond, the Pomegranate, and the Apple. At the very top of the hillside, three seedling Cedars give promise of future greatness. These little Cedars are the famous Cedars of Lebanon related botanically to the deodar Cedar which is gro extensively in California. It was Cedar of Lebanon which furnish many of the timbers for Solomo temple.

The visitor notices that the major of Biblical plants are grown in ma California gardens and that othe would probably do well if given t opportunity, for the climates of Pal tine and California are similar.

Within the E.L.C.

SONS

he Rev. Harold Engen, recently or-ied after graduating from Luther inary, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, is ing during the summer as pastor of tral Church in Edmonton, Alberta. the fall he will go to Europe for graduate work.

he Rev. Johnnie Glad of Oslo, Nor-, will by July 15 begin serving as stant pastor of the Norwegian sec- of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, Y.

he Rev. Carl T. Sheie, pastor of Olaf's Church, Weehawken, N. J., accepted a call to Grace Church, ondale, Long Island, N. Y.

he Rev. John P. Kildahl has re-ed as assistant pastor of Bethany rch, Brooklyn, N. Y., to devote time to graduate study.

he Rev. I. Z. Hyland has resigned pastor of the Grace-Arendahl par- Peterson, Minn. Having received cholarship from the ELC Brother-d he will in September begin post duate work at Biblical Seminary, w York.

he Rev. and Mrs. K. O. Gjernes, o will be moving from Forman, N. ., to Fargo, were on May 8 given rewell reception by the Nordland rch, Rutland, N. Dak., which is of the parish which Pastor rnes has served for 38 years. Im-ed health is the cause of his re-ment.

he Rev. M. G. Halvorson, St. l's Church, Minneapolis, is enrolled he clinical pastoral training course Luther Seminary, St. Paul; during course he will be conducting serv- in his church.

he Rev. Kent S. Knutson, pastor Our Saviour's Church, Staten Is-d, N. Y., has been given a three-nth leave of absence to pursue work his Doctor of Philosophy dissertа- at Columbia University. Supply tor in his absence will be **the Rev. is Hanson,** who is currently study- at Princeton Theological Seminary.

TRICTS

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Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Reidar A. hlin, president of the Rocky Moun- District and former pastor of nity Church, was the festival speak-June 5 at the 65th anniversary cele-tion of the church named. As ier told in these columns, burning he paid-up mortgage on the parish house of the congregation took place during the festivities. Other festival speakers were Pastors Reidar Thomte, Olaf Hansen, and C. O. Pedersen, also Mr. Harold Midtbo.

Hoboken, N. J. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Richard Nybro, celebrated its 65th anniversary June 5.

Joliet, Ill. Theodore Street Church, parish of the Rev. Elwyn D. Goodsell, dedicated May 22 a new Hammond organ given in memory of ten deceased members of the congregation.

Eleva, Wis. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of a new parish education building were held May 22 by Eleva Church, parish of the Rev. J. P. Hulterstrom. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy in the course of the fall.

Staten Island, N. Y. Our Saviour's Church, parish of the Rev. Kent S. Knutson, recently received 33 new members, nine of these by adult confirmation. The final payment on a Baldwin organ purchased in April was made late in May.

Northern Minnesota

Leader, Minn. Swan Lake Church in Leader celebrated its fiftieth anniversary May 29. One of the charter members of the congregation, Mrs. Johanna Underdahl, attended the service. Swan Lake Church is a part of the Staples parish, served by the Rev. Ralph L. Tellefsen.

California

Honolulu, Hawaii. Calvary Church in Aina Haina, a suburb of Honolulu, was formally organized April 17, six months after the first service was held. Dr. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California District, was present to superintend the organization, to install the Rev. Stanley Gjervik as parish pastor, and to officiate at groundbreaking for the church which the new congregation has begun building.

OBITUARIES

The Rev. J. M. Langseth

The Rev. Johan M. Langseth, Pelican Rapids, Minn., pastor emeritus since 1942, died April 19, in his 84th year. Funeral services took place April 23 at Grove Lake Church near Pelican Rapids. He was born May 18, 1871, at Stange, Hedmark, Norway. Came to USA in 1882. He attended Concordia College, St. Olaf College, and the United Church Seminary, graduating from the last named institution in 1905. He served the following parishes: Wanke, Minn., 1905-07; Manfred, N. Dak., 1908-42. In 1903 he married Anna Clausen, who died in 1941. He is survived by three sons.

J. P. Hammarlund

J. P. Hammarlund, Oshkosh, Wis., past president of the Eastern District

IOWA TOWN HAS NEW CHURCH

The church pictured above is the new church edifice of Elgin Church, Elgin, Iowa, parish of the Rev. Vance R. Knutsen. The new church, which measures 84 by 34 feet, has a normal seating capacity of 230. The spacious narthex can be used for overflow seating. There is a full basement. The exterior of the church is of redwood, the chancel is of mahogany plywood paneling. This new building was dedicated May 15, as earlier reported in "Lutheran Herald."

organization of the ELC Brotherhood, died March 26, in his 67th year. Born in Dubuque, Iowa, he lived for more than 50 years in Janesville, Wis., until moving to Oshkosh in 1952. While in Janesville he was an active member of First Lutheran Church. Among his survivors are his wife, one son, and three daughters.

Alf Houkom

Alf Houkom, librarian at St. Olaf College since 1933, died in Minneapolis May 25, 59 years of age. Funeral services took place May 27 at Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College, Northfield. He was graduated by St. Olaf College in 1921, and later received the M.A. degree at the University of Illinois. He is survived by his wife, a son, his mother, two brothers, and a sister. His mother, Mrs. Nellie Johnson Houkom, is the widow of the Rev. A. Houkom, who died in 1938.

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Correction: Dean at Windom Circuit Bible Camp, Lake Shetek Camp, Slayton, Minn., July 3-9, will be Pastor B. O. Opdahl, not Pastor F. R. Lien as earlier listed.

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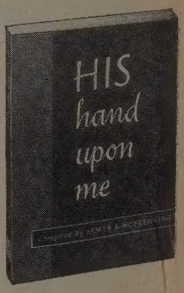

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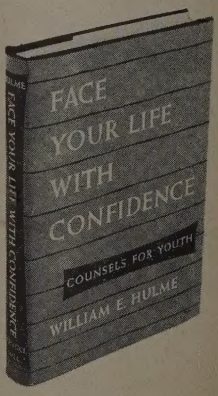

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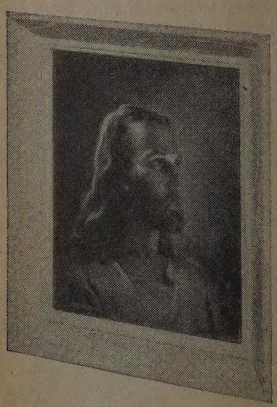

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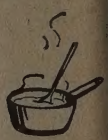

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